

## **Voting Options for the April 16<sup>th</sup> City-wide meeting**

Neighborhood Representatives who are empowered to vote, by laws permitting, on behalf of the neighborhood organization will have the opportunity to cast 1 vote for each of the following items.

Please note, additional options may be added prior to the meeting. If you have other options you would like to see considered on April 16<sup>th</sup>, please send them to the NCR office at [Community.Engagement@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Community.Engagement@ci.minneapolis.mn.us), by Monday, April 11, 2011. We will send out a final set of options to all neighborhood representatives before the meeting.

### **Election Process**

Vote for one of the following options:	
<input type="radio"/>	(2009 Process) Neighborhood Organizations identify an Elector (and an alternate) for each neighborhood represented by the Neighborhood Organization to cast 1 vote. (Neighborhood Organizations with multiple neighborhoods can decide to either send 1 person to cast multiple votes or to send individual voters for each neighborhood they represent).
<input type="radio"/>	Neighborhood Organizations identify one Elector (and an alternate) to cast 1 vote.
<input type="radio"/>	All Neighborhood Organization board members are each allowed to cast 1 vote.
<input type="radio"/>	Four representatives from each neighborhood will each be allowed to cast 1 vote.

### **District Meetings or City-wide Meeting**

Vote for one of the following options:	
<input type="radio"/>	(2009 Process) There is one central election meeting where all NCEC districts with representatives up for re-election cast votes for their NCEC district representative.
<input type="radio"/>	NCEC districts with representatives up for re-election hold a district election meeting to determine their NCEC district representative. Note: NCR staff will provide administrative support to planning and organizing district elections
<input type="radio"/>	NCEC district election meetings with one City-wide election meeting option. NCEC districts have the option of holding their own election meeting to determine their NCEC district representative. If a district is unable to hold a district election they can hold their election at a central election meeting.

### **Relevant Affiliations**

Vote for one of the following options:	
<input type="radio"/>	(2009 Process) Those authorized to vote do not have to declare any relevant affiliation.
<input type="radio"/>	Those authorized to vote must declare all relevant affiliations with any candidate in their voting district. Relevant affiliations include close family (spouse, domestic partner or dependent), financial and reporting relationships.
<input type="radio"/>	Those authorized to vote shall not have any relevant affiliations with any candidate in their voting district. Relevant affiliations include close family

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### **Recommended Election Procedures:**

Selected by lot, every candidate will have an opportunity to give a brief introduction (up to 3 minutes). Following candidate introductions, the question-and-answer period will begin.

Questions must be either pre-submitted or received in writing from the floor. Questions from the floor must be written on note cards provided at the meeting. Facilitators will consolidate questions and ensure they are not duplicative and apply to all district candidates. All candidates will be asked the same questions.

The NCEC neighborhood representative election process will be governed by the following (this may be modified based on the outcome of the voting options):

- Each district will hold their individual district election in designated election areas.
- All registered elector/alternate electors (Board Members) eligible for voting will be seated in their district's designated election area.
- All registered elector/alternates (Board Members) must be authorized by their neighborhood organization to cast a vote.
- District facilitators will open and close the district election.
- The floor will be closed once elections begin allowing only electors/alternates (Board Members) to be in the caucus area. The floor can be reopened for further discussion if another vote is required.
- Endorsements or testimonials are not allowed.
- Nominations from the floor or write-in nominations are not allowed.
- Absentee ballots are not allowed.
- Proxy voting is not allowed.
- All votes will be cast via secret ballot.

### **Voting Results -**

- The candidate must receive at least 50% of the votes in order to be verified by the facilitator as the winner.
- If no candidate receives at least 50% of the votes, no winner will be declared and another round of voting will take place.
- In any additional round of voting, the top three candidates with the most votes in the last voting round will move forward and have their name placed on the ballot for the next round of voting.
- Voting will occur until a winner is declared and verified with at least 50% of the votes.
- There is no limit to the number of voting rounds a district may have; however, ***all district winners must be declared by TIME on DATE.***
- Once a winner has been verified and declared, the facilitator will post the name of the candidate on the NCEC Neighborhood Representative poster.